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MAUI'S LARGEST SCRAP METAL RECYCLER SUBJECT TO ENFORCEMENT

HONOLULU - The Department of Health (DOH) has filed a complaint and order against Maui Scrap Metal Co., Inc. (Maui Scrap) for alleged violations of the State's solid waste rules. The violations allegedly occurred at the Maui Scrap facility located in Waikapu, Maui. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$202,900.

The DOH has taken enforcement action against Maui Scrap before. On March 11, 1999, the DOH issued a Notice of Violation and Order to Maui Scrap for permit non-compliance issues. On July 5, 2000, the DOH issued another Notice of Violation and Order to Maui Scrap for permit non-compliance issues. On December 7, 2000, the DOH entered into a consent agreement with Maui Scrap. As of December 11, 2003, Maui Scrap has not completed the corrective actions stipulated in the December 7, 2000, consent agreement.

The present case covers violations from 2001 through 2003. Between March 31, 2001, and December 11, 2003, Maui Scrap operated an unpermitted solid waste management facility. On July 23, 2003, the facility contained an estimated 1,000 tons of decayed vehicles, 400 tons of white goods, 12,000 tires, 200 tons of tin cans, 250 lead acid batteries. In addition Maui Scrap stored approximately 3,000 tons of iron across the street from the facility. On October 21, 2003, the DOH sent a Warning Letter to Maui Scrap requiring them to cease and desist accepting additional solid waste and close the facility or submit a complete permit application. As of December 11, 2003, the facility failed to meet the requirements set forth in the October 21, 2003, warning letter. DOH cited Maui Scrap for operating an unpermitted solid waste management facility.

In addition to paying the penalty, Maui Scrap has been ordered to comply with state solid waste rules for the cited violations according to a schedule established by the State.

Maui Scrap has requested a hearing in response to the complaint.

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